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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

S I R:

We are submitting herewith an Amendment In response to the Office Action of February 7, 2003 for the above-identified application.

It is believed that no fees are due in connection with this Amendment. However, should any fees be due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 11-0600 for such fees. A duplicate copy of this communication is enclosed for charging purposes.

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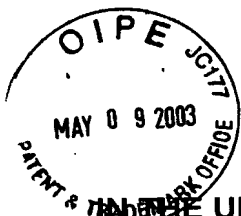
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In response to the Office Action of February 7, 2003, kindly amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 39 and 45, without prejudice, as follows:

39. (Twice Amended) A method of indirectly determining motor oil quality, comprising the steps of:

01) determining a viscosity of the motor oil during operation of an internal combustion engine; and

indirectly determining and evaluating a change of the viscosity of the motor oil determined in the viscosity determining step as a function of a temperature and frictional torque of the internal combustion engine.

02) 45. (Amended) A method of indirectly determining viscosity of motor oil of an internal combustion engine, comprising the steps of:

determining an engine frictional torque; and

indirectly determining the viscosity of the motor oil in accordance with the engine frictional torque.